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TITLE OF INVENTION: GRAPHITE ELECTRODE FOR ELECTRIC ARC FURNACE

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
 - Formal Drawings (3 sheets)
 - Title page of WIPO Document WO 2004/063651A1
 - English Language International Search Report
 - Postal Card

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22. [X] EXAMINATION FEE
If International preliminary examination report prepared by USPTO and all claims
satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$100.00
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23. [X] SEARCH FEE
Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2) has been paid on the international application to
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International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office\$400.00
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[] Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding
sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	
Total claims	3 - 20 =	0	X \$ 50.00	\$
Ind. claims	1 - 3 =	0	X \$ 200.00	\$
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00	\$
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[] Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.
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a. [X] A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.
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I hereby certify that the attached paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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